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Army Uniform Policy

(AR 670-1, dated 7 June 2004)

Information Briefing

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Army Uniforms

Next Army Uniform Board – Dec 2004

1779 **1902** **1954** **2003**

Blue
123 Years

Olive Drab
52 Years

Green
49 Years

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FUNCTIONS

- *Evaluate, interpret, revise, and develop uniform wear policy to improve readiness of individual Soldiers and appearance of the Army*

- *Prepare, staff, and coordinate uniform and appearance issues within the Army and the Department of Defense*

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(AR 670-1, para 1-7)

Personal Appearance Policy

- Neat and well-groomed appearance
- Pride and self-discipline by all Soldiers
  - 24/7; in/out of uniform; on and off duty
  - Includes physical fitness + weight standards
- Project a conservative military image
- Commanders determine compliance with standards

Major Changes

- **Personal Appearance Changes**
  - Body Piercing, mutilation
  - Tattoos
- **Wear Changes**
  - Black Beret (i.e., Soldiers in TTHS wear patrol cap)
  - IPFU (Mixing with civilian clothes allowed when authorized by Cdr)
  - Insignia Changes
  - Nametapes on Gortex parka
  - Wear of OCIE items (Commanders responsibility)
  - Possession and wearout dates (*Table D-1 & D-2*)
  - Starching; military creases
  - SSI-FWTS "Combat Patches" (*Para 28-17, Appendix F*)
  - New Uniform Items (G-1, PM-Soldier, Awards, TIOH, CMH)
  - Reverse Side Flag (Para 28-18)

Body Piercing Policy

(para 1-14c, AR 670-1)

• No attaching, affixing, or displaying objects, articles, jewelry, or ornamentation to or through the skin, in uniform or civilian clothes, on or off duty, on any Army installation or other places under Army control (includes earrings for males). ***The only exception***: females are authorized to wear prescribed earrings with service, dress, and mess uniforms, IAW para 1-14c, AR 670-1.

– When wearing earrings with civilian clothes on duty, females must comply with the provisions of para *1-14c*, unless otherwise authorized by the commander.

– There are no restrictions on the wear of earrings by females when they are off duty, on or off

Tattoo Policy

(1). **Tattoos or brands that are visible in a class A uniform (worn with slacks/trousers) are prohibited.**

(2). **Tattoos or brands that are extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist are prohibited, regardless of location on the body, as they are prejudicial to good order and discipline within units.**

(3). **Existing tattoos or brands on the hands that are not extremist, indecent, sexist, or racist, but are visible in the class A uniform (worn with slacks/trousers) are authorized FOR CURRENT SOLDIERS ONLY. This "grandfather" provision DOES NOT APPLY TO SOLDIERS ENLISTING AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF AR 670-1 (1 Aug 02).**

(4). **Finality of Determination: Intent is to avoid "second-guessing" by succeeding Commanders.**

a. **Recruiting Bn Cdr/XO: New accessions**

b. **Unit commanders/XO: Current Soldiers**

(5). **Determinations are final unless otherwise directed by the Army G-1.**

Black Beret – Standard Army Headgear

- Implementation: 14 June 2001
  - issued to all Soldiers - enlisted and officer
  - second beret fielded to all active units and mobilized Reserve component units

- Standard headgear for utility and service uniforms
  - BDU Cap: work details, field, initial training, commander decides
  - Garrison Cap: Junior/Senior ROTC Cadets
  - Green Service Hat: honor guards; bands (CTA 50-900)

- Proper wear: 1 inch above eyebrow; flash over left eye; fold to right front
  excess draped over right side, down to top of ear; dip behind flash
  - Leaders need to enforce p
    - > 3 years later - many

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Improved Physical Fitness Uniform (IPFU)

- Issued in IET - all other Soldiers must purchase with clothing replacement allowance
  - –Mandatory possession date (MPD): **1 Oct 03**
- Components: short and long-sleeved t-shirt, trunks, running pants, jacket; no restriction on combination of components, unless prescribed for formations (unit PT)
- **Wear:**
  - – on and off duty when engaged in PT, on and off post, if authorized by Cdr
  - – in transit between quarters and duty station
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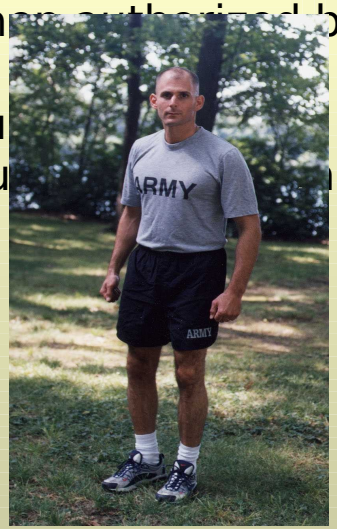

Cardigan Sweaters

Black and White Cardigan Sweaters

- Optional purchase items
- May wear buttoned or unbuttoned indoors; outdoors must be buttoned, except when pregnant
- May wear with civilian attire (must remove rank)

- **Black cardigan**:
  - worn w/class B uniform; no tie required when worn
  - may wear collar in or outside of sweater. Junior enlisted wear collar outside.
  - no nameplate; shoulder marks for rank required for Corporals and

- **White cardigan**:
  - worn w/food service and hospital uniforms only
  - food service managers wear black unisex cardigan
  - no nameplate or rank
  - uniform collar worn outside sweater, so rank shows
  - food s
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Gortex Parka

Nametapes and Rank on Gortex Parka

- Mandatory on the Gortex parka
- Nametape:
  - 1/2-inch wide, 3-1/2 inches long, 1/4-inch block letters
  - can accommodate up to 14 characters
  - worn on left parka sleeve flap, 1/4-inch from bottom of flap, centered left to right
- Rank:
  - cloth rank insignia tab or pin-on rank
  - worn on front tab of parka
  - tab is sewn closed; Velcro tabs not authorized
  - For CLI, pin-on rank, or BDU cloth rank insignia sewn on CLI

Wear of the 10th Award

- Previously: could show 9th and 11th awards:
  - 9th: 3 bronze, 1 silver
  - 11th: 2 silver
- No way to show 10th
  - only 4 devices authorized
  - would require 4 bronze, 1 silver
- New procedure…
  - add second ribbon immediately after first ribbon
  - second ribbon counts as one award
  - when subsequent awards reduce clusters to fit on one ribbon,
    remove second ribbon

Class A Uniform

Class A Uniform Changes

- **AG 415 Shirt – Changed as of 1 Oct 99**

  – Males: new shirt has pleated pockets and stand-up collar
  – Females: new shirt has princess seams; issue shirt is tuck-in style
    - ➢ some females still wearing old “bust dart” style
      - ✓ overblouse now an optional purchase item

- **Class A Uniform Shade Change (AG 489/491)**

  – Males changed as of 1 Oct 99
  – Females have until **1 Oct 03** to acquire uniform in new shade, with
  new style slacks and skirt
    - ➢ extension resulted from shortages (due to manufacturing problems)
      - ✓ Female belt worn o
      wearer’s right

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Other Uniform Changes

- **AG 415 SHIRT AND BDU COAT**

  – military creases authorized; 3 on the back, 2 on the front
  – starching not authorized (manufacturer care label)

- **BDUs**
  – Creases also authorized on sleeves
  – starching authorized
    - commanders cannot require Soldiers to starch BDU
    - Soldiers not reimbursed for damage from starching

- **FEMALE DRESS BLUES AND WHITES**

  – Aug 92, specification for coat changed to that of class A coat
    - insignia worn the same as on class A coat (two and two)
  – no wearout date for old style coat; wear until unserviceable
    - insignia worn as prescr

Combat Boots *(para 27-3)*

- **Combat Boots**

  - **Standard Issue: Black Combat Boot or the Infantry Combat Boot**
  - Black leather
  - Deep lug tread sole made of vulcanized rubber *
  - Removable cushioned insert, closed-loop speed lace system
  - Leather padded collar

  * (Manufacturing process that provides durability and traction on rough surfaces)

  - **Optional Boots**

  - **Black leather,** design must be similar to that of the stan issue combat boot: 8-10 in. in height, plain or capped toe, vu rubber
    Hi-tech boots not authorized.

  - **Green/Black Army Jungl** authorized (no substitut boot, may wear until uns

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Combat Patch

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA – FORMER WARTIME SERVICE – (SSI-FWTS)

(para 28-17 and Appendix F)

- **Units/Soldiers MUST meet all criteria for wear:**

➢ SecArmy or higher declaration of hazardous environment or Congressional Declaration of War
➢ Operation must last 30 days or more; waiver may be granted
➢ Soldiers must participate in, or actively support ground combat operations against hostile forces in which they are exposed to the threat of enemy action or fire, either directly or indirectly
➢CSA approves all requests for SSI-FWTS

WHO DETERMINES WHICH SSI-FWTS SOLDIERS WILL WEAR

- Senior Army leaders "on tl
unit – not HQDA

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- **Shoulder Sleeve Insignia – Former Wartime Service – SSI-FWTS**

(para 28-17 and Appendix F)

OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM

- Authorized for the CENTCOM area of responsibility (AOR)
- CG, CFLCC's eligibility guidance… **Effective 31 July 2002, all personnel deployed to the CENTCOM AOR in support of OEF who are authorized Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) as identified by CENTCOM CCJ1 AOR Danger Pay Entitlements are eligible for wear of the SSI-FWTS.** The 31 July 2002 date coincides with OSD approval date of CZTE for Djibouti. Supporting rationale for this approval included the expanded geographical scope of OEF.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

- Effective 19 Mar 2003. Soldiers must have been deployed to the CENTCOM AOR or assigned to Turkey, Israel or Aegis Cruisers in support of OIF

OVERSEAS SERVICE BARS **(para 28-28)**

- One bar = 6 months federal service required
- May combine periods from other authorized operations to determine number of bars to wear

Reverse Side Flag

(AR 670-1, para 28-18)

• **When to wear it:** Soldier will wear the U.S. Flag cloth replica at all times

• **Why wear it:** **Based on the expeditionary nature of Today's Army fighting the GWOT abroad and CONUS**

• **Description:** Full-color; star-field faces forward; gives effect of flag flying in the breeze as the wearer moves forward

• **Colors:** Colors other than Red, White, and Blue violate Chapter 1, Title 4, USC; therefore, subdu for wear.

Wearout Dates

(Table D-2)

Female AG 344 Service Uniform	30 Sep 03
Physical Fitness Uniform (PFU)*	30 Sep 03
Black Mess Uniform (Female Officers)	30 Sep 03

Old Style Female Blues Jacket	None	(until unserviceable)
Hot Weather BDUs w/side tabs	None	(until unserviceable)
Green Jungle Boots	None	(until unserviceable)
Black oxford, female, moccasin	None	(until unserviceable)
Black oxford shoe, male	None	(until unserviceable)
OG 408 Green Socks	None	(until unserviceable)

* National Guard Soldiers (non-AGR) have until 1 Oct 05.

Mandatory Possession Dates

(Table D-1)

- IPFU — 1 Oct 03
- Female Service Uniform, AG 489, w/new style slacks/skirt — 1 Oct 03
- U.S. Flag Cloth Replica — 1 Oct 05
- Dress/Mess Uniforms for Warrant Officers — 9 Jul 06

Comments from the Field

- **Leaders**
  - Want interpretation of policies
  - Want guidance on application of policies
  - Want to know what their commanders can do
    - Essential: leader enforcement of standards
- **Soldiers**
  - Want further guidance
  - Want to understand procedures
  - Some want to usurp command authority
    - Do not use their chain of command
      - ✓ trust in leadership lacking ☹
- **Most Users**
  - Do not read the regulation
  - Contact HQDA before chain of command, or reading regulation

Future of AR 670-1

- **Style Of Revision**

  – Conversion to electronic format; links embedded in text, for
  immediate access to referenced paragraphs and figures
  - available in .pdf, .xml formats

  – No paper copies – users must download and print from .pdf

  – Future changes to regulation – incorporated directly into text
  - date of change becomes overall date of regulation
  - users must read History Statement to see what changes are
  posted

- **Future Design**

  – Dependent upon lowest level of technology in the field
  – Ideal: digitization, interac
  photographs,

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